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Applicant: KARL-HANS HOLDER et al. : Group Art Unit: 2177
Serial No.: 09/832,703 : Examiner: Khanh B. Pham
Filed: April 11, 2001 : September 27, 2005
Confirmation No.: 1678 : William A. Kinnaman, Jr.
Title: A METHOD TO GENERICALLY : International Business Machines Corporation
DESCRIBE AND MANIPULATE : 2455 South Road, Mail Station P386
ARBITRARY DATA STRUCTURES : Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

STATEMENT AND REQUEST UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(b)

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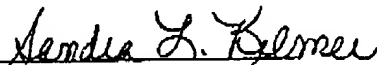
Dear Sir:

WILLIAM A. KINNAMAN, JR. states as follows:

1. He is the attorney of record who is handling the prosecution of this application.

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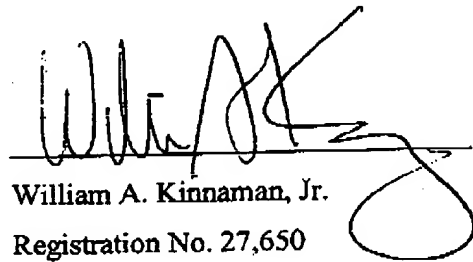
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2. He received a notice of abandonment in this application mailed September 21, 2005. The stated ground was applicants' failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter dated January 24, 2005.

3. Applicants did in fact file such a reply by facsimile on March 24, 2005, as evidenced by an auto-reply facsimile transmission dated March 24, 2005. The amendment and the auto-reply accompany this paper as Exhibits A and B, respectively. A response was thus timely filed, contrary to the statement in the notice of abandonment.

Under the circumstances, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the original response of March 24, 2005, as having been timely filed and withdraw the holding of abandonment so that the prosecution of this application may continue. Such action is earnestly solicited.



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EXHIBIT A

Response Transmitted March 24, 2005

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Applicant(s): Karl-Hans Holder et al			
Application No. 09/832,703	Filing Date 04/11/2001	Examiner K. B. Pham	Group Art Unit 2177
Invention: Confirmation # 1678 A Method to Gencrically Describe and Manipulate Arbitrary Data Structures			
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